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### BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION 3 OF DCR TRANSMISSION, L.L.C. OR ITS 4 ASSIGNEES, IN CONFORMANCE WITH 5 et. seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF 6 7 8

Docket No. L-21088A-21-0262-00191

THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360 Corporcias Convission 1

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

AUTHORIZING THE CIELO AZUL 500 KYUL 1 9 2021 SWITCHYARD PROJECT.

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of DCR Transmission, L.L.C. ("DCRT") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing construction of a 500 kilovolt ("kV") Air Insulated Switchyard called the Cielo Azul switchyard ("Cielo Azul" or "the Project") and associated infrastructure to provide electrical interconnection for solar photovoltaic ("PV" or "Solar") and battery energy storage ("Storage") facilities connecting to the bulk transmission network via Ten West Link 500 kV transmission line ("Ten West Link").

Cielo Azul will be located in La Paz County, Arizona approximately 0.5 mile southeast of mile marker 58 on Interstate 10 (I-10). DCRT has secured a 55-acre Right-of-Way ("ROW") from La Paz County for the proposed Project. A map of the Cielo Azul Project is attached as Exhibit A.

The hearing will be held at the Havasu Springs Resort, 2581 N. Highway 95, Parker, AZ 85344. The hearing will begin on August 31, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., and will continue as necessary on September 1-3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., respectively. If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com, and on the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") website at: https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-powerplant/meeting-schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON AUGUST 31, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE HAVASU SPRINGS RESORT, 2581 N. HIGHWAY 95, PARKER, AZ 85344. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19 WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.

THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER WATCHING THE HEARING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, RATHER THAN ATTENDING IN PERSON.

At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project website at <a href="https://www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com">www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com</a>. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Cielo Azul Project website and the ACC website. The Chairman of the Committee may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project websites and the Commission website.

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# NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

No tour of the Project area is planned by the Chairman at this time. If the Chairman or Committee later decide to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website at <a href="www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com">www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com</a> and the ACC website at: <a href="https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule">https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule</a>.

Copies of each Application containing detailed maps of the Project sites, detailed information about the proposed facilities, and prehearing and hearing transcripts will be available for inspection at the following locations:

- Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,
  1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- La Paz County Board of Supervisors, 1108 S. Joshua Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344
- The Project Website: www.CieloAzulSwitchyard.com

Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before August 31, 2021, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project are located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before August 31, 2021, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation

Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days before August 31, 2021. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of July, 2021

Thomas K. Chenal, Chairman Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Office of the Arizona Attorney General

#### 1 Certificate of Mailing 2 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the ORIGINAL of the foregoing and 26 copies 3 were filed this day of July, 2021 with: 4 Utilities Division - Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission 5 1200 West Washington Street 6 Phoenix, AZ 85007 7 **COPIES** of the above mailed this day of July, 2021 to: 8 Robin Mitchell Legal Division 9 legaldiv@azcc.gov utildivservicebyemail@azcc.gov 10 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 11 12 Elijah Abinah, Director 13 Utilities Division utildivservicebyemail@azcc.gov 14 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 16 Meghan H. Grabel Elias J. Ancharski 17 mgrabel@omlaw.com 18 eancharski@omlaw.com Osborn Maledon, P.A. 19 2929 N. Central Avenue, Suite 2100 Phoenix, AZ 85012 20 Marta T. Hetzer 21 Coash & Coash, Inc. 1802 North 7 Street 22 Phoenix, Arizona 85006 mh@coashandc 23 24 25 26

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# Exhibit A

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